

## Tom Young

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**From:** Tom Young Jr. [TomYoung@schouse.gov]  
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**From:** Cardon Crawford [citadel@cielt.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2011 10:09 AM  
**To:** Tom Young Jr.  
**Subject:** Letter from The Citadel Board of Visitors



Dear Representative Young,

I wanted to share with you this editorial from our Board of Visitors Chairman Doug Snyder, affirming The Citadel's commitment to cooperate fully in all investigations. We have asked South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson to convene a special panel to conduct a thorough and independent investigation that will report its findings to the BOV and the people of South Carolina. When the facts are in we will take all corrective actions necessary to emerge strengthened as an institution.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with me directly, please do not hesitate to contact me at (843) 953 6966 or (843) 367 8216.

Respectfully,

Col. Cardon B. Crawford, USA (Ret.)  
Director of Government and Community Relations

**The Citadel: No 'rush' to judgment**  
**Charleston Post and Courier**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2011**

The Citadel is held to a higher standard and we, the members of the college's Board of Visitors, will take whatever action is necessary to ensure we meet that high standard, as well as restore the public's trust.

And we stand behind our president, Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa, a man whose integrity is beyond question. Like many colleges, The Citadel has faced a number of challenges in recent years. We have been fortunate that John Rosa has been leading our institution.

In 2005 the BOV selected John Rosa to be president of The Citadel because of his proven record of leadership and integrity.

When the Air Force Academy was faced with allegations of religious intolerance and sexual assaults, John Rosa was the man who restored the nation's trust in it. He admitted its flaws and aggressively reformed its culture.

He demonstrated the same leadership as he has commanded Air Force bases and military units worldwide.

John Rosa's service at The Citadel has affirmed our decision. He identified gaps in our approach to character development and directed implementation of the Values and Respect program. He has led the charge on our comprehensive strategic plan, The Blueprint.

He has never wavered from the course of action that was both ethical and ensured the quality of the academic and leadership experience for which the college has an international reputation.

The Board of Visitors unanimously voted last December to extend John Rosa's contract for five more years because he is strong, fair and laser focused on The Citadel's success. We said then he was an ideal leader for challenging times and that he was precisely the leader we need to guide us in the years ahead.

The BOV is committed to working with Gen. Rosa to earn back the public's confidence in The Citadel by demonstrating accountability and responsibility.

Initially the BOV intended to hire a private company to review the Louis "Skip" ReVille matter, but we agree with Gen. Rosa that a public investigation would be the most transparent. We have asked South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson to convene a special panel to conduct a thorough and independent investigation that will report its findings to the BOV and the people of South Carolina.

The BOV and administration will cooperate fully in all investigations. When the facts are in we will take all corrective actions necessary to emerge strengthened as an institution.

Until then the BOV will not speculate or rush to judgment. We ask you to exercise similar patience as this investigation proceeds.

Board of Visitors  
Douglas A. Snyder, Chairman  
The Citadel  
Charleston